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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 16 April 1954

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Sheldon, [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted General Ridgway's testimony before a Congressional Committee, respecting Russian activities in the nerve gas field. Mr. Amory said we had several studies on this and as he recalled the Soviets had so far only established pilot plants. The Director asked DD/I to furnish him a brief report on this subject.

c. Noted a cable to the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] (OUT 86299) and asked DD/P to check on the authorization of funds indicated therein. The Director said he could not recall approving this authorization, however, he assumed it was all right.

e. Reported on his conversation with Mr. Robert Kennedy, Assistant Counsel, Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations, and after some discussion asked Mr. Wisner to pay a call on Stuart Symington. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that during Mr. Wisner's conversation with Senator Symington he also touch base on three other subjects -- the background of which will be furnished DD/P by the IG.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Briefly reported on his conversation with Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert Murphy, respecting the current [REDACTED] affair and surfacing [REDACTED] and noted he was preparing a memorandum for the record of this conversation.

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

25X1 b. Noted an article in [] and suggested that
25X1 the Director might wish to discuss this at the next OCB
Meeting. The Director said he would prefer to have Mr. Wisner
initially discuss this matter with [] 25X1

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25X1 Reported he had seen [] and had advised him to
proceed with the survey of intelligence support of PW activi-
ties. [] said he made it clear to [] that he
would be unable to devote too much time to this since the
problem did not appear to be as serious as initially indicated. 25X1

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

25X1 a. Reported that Mr. DuFlon of the White House staff had
requested the services of [] of Personnel for a
period of about two months to tie up loose ends on a report
now under preparation respecting proposed legislation on
Foreign Service Officers of all governmental agencies. Mr.
Kirkpatrick said [] had been especially requested
in view of his background of knowledge on this problem.
The Director said he saw no particular objection to this
provided it was made clear to all concerned that: (1) [] 25X1
participation was a result of our interest in our own Career
Service Program; (2) we are not sticking our nose in other
people's business.

25X1 b. Noted a recent speech by Senator Mansfield in which
he indicated that the U. S. Government was paying for the
services of the CAT pilots now flying in the IndoChina airlift.
[] said a copy of this speech was on the Director's desk.

c. Stated that one of our employees was resigning to
participate in a political campaign and we might be faced with
the issue of rehiring this person should she apply for employ-
ment at some future date.

Mr. Sheldon:

25X1 Reported that at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 19 April, Secretary
Kyes would consider a request by NSA that its personnel be
increased by [] Mr. Sheldon said we had been requested to
furnish an evaluation of NSA and whether this increase would
be beneficial to CIA. The Director indicated he would sign a
memorandum to Mr. Kyes endorsing this increase -- which Mr.
Sheldon will prepare. 25X1

Colonel White:

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Colonel White (Continued):



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